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SUBJ: LOS - VIEWS OF MINEXTAFF PAUL ADDERLEY

BEGIN SUMMARY. FOLLOWING REPORTS SOCIAL CONVERSATION EMBOFF
HAD WITH GCOB MINEXTAFF ADDERLEY IN WHICH LATTER EXPRESSED
VIEWS ON LOS AND CARACAS CONFERENCE. END SUMMARY

1. CARACAS CONFERENCE. ADDERLEY CONFIRMED THAT HE WILL HEAD
BAHAMIAN DELEGATION TO CARACAS SESSION, ACCOMPANIED BY MIN-
ISTRY'S FIRST ASSISTANT SECRETARY GEORGE STEWART AND BAHAMIAN
AMBASSADOR TO THE US L.B. JOHNSON. ADDERLEY SAID HE HOPED TO
ATTEND BEGINNING AND END OF CARACAS MEETING, AVOIDING THE
MIDDLE.(EMBOFF ENCOURAGED HIM TO BECOME ENGAGED IN SUBSTAN-
TIVE WORK OF CARACAS MEETING, BUT ADDERLEY EXPRESSED POLITE
SKEPTICISM THAT MUCH SUBSTANCE WOULD EMERGE. HE CALCULATED
THAT, AT THE RATE OF FIVE OPENING ADDRESSES PER DAY, GENER-
ALIZING SPEECHES FROM 150 PARTICIPANTS WOULD TAKE AT LEAST
70 PERCENT OF CARACAS MEETING TIME, BARRING REBUTTALS AND
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SUR-REBUTTALS. ADDERLEY SAID THAT HE EXPECTED THAT OVERALL

LOS CONFERENCE WILL BE SUCCESSFUL, IN THAT "AT END OF DAY, US WILL GET WHAT IT WANTS AND ALL REASONABLE INTERESTS WILL BE TAKEN INTO ACCOUNT -- ONLY QUESTION IS, HOW LONG THE DAY WILL BE." ADDERLEY SAID THAT REASON FOR SLOW PROGRESS WOULD BE LACK OF TANGIBLE PRESSURE TO CONCLUDE AGREEMENT. EMBOFF OUTLINED REASONS PROMPT AGREEMENT NECESSARY AND ADDERLEY AGREED, BUT SAID THESE WERE NOT VIEWED BY MOST COUNTRIES AS TANGIBLE PRESSURES. HE JOKED THAT AFTER CARACAS AND VIENNA, FINAL WRAP-UP SESSION MIGHT BE HELD IN NASSAU.

2. ARCHIPELAGOS. ADDERLEY RAISED ARCHIPELAGO ISSUE IN MULTI-LATERAL RATHER THAN BILATERAL CONTEXT. HE SAID THAT INDONESIA, PHILIPPINES, "AND THOSE BOYS" HAVE TAKEN A FIRM STAND ON ISSUE. HE ADDED "THAT IS NOT OUR POSITION, WE WOULDN'T GO THAT FAR" IN TERMS OF STATUS OF ENCLOSED WATERS. HE SAID THAT THE HARDER-LINE POSITION HAD BEEN ENDORSED BY "THE GROUP OF 77, OR 94, OR WHATEVER THEY'RE CALLING THEMSELVES NOWADAYS" AND THAT HE THOUGHT THAT THE US AND USSR WOULD HAVE A DIFFICULT TASK IN COUNTERING IT AT THE LOS CONFERENCE.

3. CONSERVATION. ADDERLEY SAID THAT CONSERVATION OF FISHERIES STOCKS WAS PERHAPS GENERAL ISSUE OF GREATEST INTEREST TO BAHAMAS, EVEN SURPASSING POLLUTION. HE SAID THAT INCREASING PRESSURES OF POPULATION GROWTH AND CONSUMERISM WILL LEAD TO VERY RAPID EXHAUSTION OF LIVING RESOURCES, BUT THAT MOST PEOPLE FAILED TO APPRECIATE URGENCY OF CONSERVATION MEASURES. PERMSEC ORIS RUSSELL, IN SEPARATE CONVERSATION, SAID THAT ONLY FEASIBLE REGIONAL CONSERVATION SCHEME FOR BAHAMIAN CRAWFISH INTERESTS WOULD INCLUDE U.S., BAHAMAS, MEXICO AND CUBA, AND THAT CARIBBEAN REGIONAL SCHEME WOULD HAVE LITTLE INTEREST FOR BAHAMAS.

4. COMMENT: BAHAMAS WILL SEEK ACCOMMODATION OF ITS ARCHIPELAGO INTERESTS AT LOS CONFERENCE, ALTHOUGH IT APPEARS TO FEEL INCREASINGLY ESTRANGED FROM OTHER ARCHIPELAGO ADVOCATES. ON OTHER ISSUES, OUR PRELIMINARY VIEW IS THAT IT WILL PROBABLY TAKE MODERATE POSITIONS AND A PASSIVE ROLE. WHILE IT WOULD BE UNLIKELY TO OPPOSE U.S. INITIATIVES AT THE CONFERENCE, UNLESS US WERE HOPELESSLY OUTNUMBERED, SOME US EFFORT MAY BE NECESSARY TO MOVE BAHAMAS FROM ABSTENTION TO APPROVAL ON ISSUES LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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